

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the title with the following title:

B1. METHOD OF JOINING COMPONENTS USING A SILVER-BASED COMPOSITION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 4 as follows:

B2. As shown in Fig. 2, the surge arrester 110 includes the bonded component stack 100, a polymeric housing 165, and an arrester hanger 170. The stack 100 is disposed within the polymeric housing 165. An insulating or dielectric compound (not shown), such as room temperature vulcanized silicone, may be used to fill any voids between the stack 100 and the inner surface ~~175~~ of the housing 165. A threaded conductive stud ~~155~~ (not shown) is disposed in the bore 150 of each terminal 120. The upper stud ~~155~~ extends through the housing 165 and includes threads for engaging a terminal assembly (not shown). The lower stud ~~155~~ extends through an aperture (not shown) in hanger 170 for connection to a ground lead disconnecter 175. A threaded stud 180 extends from the disconnecter 175 to engage a ground lead terminal assembly (not shown). The housing 165 is sealed about the upper and lower ends of the stack 100.

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